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STATE OF WISCONSIN
Division of Hearings and Appeals

In the Matter of

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[REDACTED]

DECISION

SSP/173334

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed April 1, 2016, under Wis. Admin. Code, §HA 3.03, to review a decision by the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability (DHCAA) to discontinue State Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, a hearing was held on May 11, 2016, at Madison, Wisconsin, with the parties appearing by telephone.

The issue for determination is whether petitioner can receive the state SSI supplement after federal SSI ended.

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Respondent:

Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street, Room 651
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: Written submission of [REDACTED], State SSI Analyst

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Brian C. Schneider
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner is a 9-year-old resident of Dane County. She lives with her father.
2. Petitioner received the state SSI supplement along with federal SSI. Effective March 1, 2016, state SSI ended because federal SSI ended with a finding that income exceeded the limit.

DISCUSSION

Effective January 1, 1996, the State of Wisconsin began sending out its state supplemental SSI payments separately from federal SSI payments (they had previously been sent out as one check by the Social Security Administration). Petitioner was eligible for state supplemental SSI because she received a federal SSI payment. The statute reads, with the basis for petitioner's eligibility italicized, as follows:

49.77 State supplemental payments.

...

(2) ELIGIBILITY. (a) The following persons who meet the resource limitations and the nonfinancial eligibility requirements of the federal supplemental security income program under 42 USC 1381 to 1383d are entitled to receive supplemental payments under this section:

...

2. *Any needy person or couple residing in this state and receiving benefits under federal Title XVI.*

3. Any needy person or couple residing in this state whose income, after deducting income excludable under federal Title XVI, is less than the combined benefit level available under federal Title XVI and this section, if at least one of the following requirements are met:

a. The person or couple was eligible for a state supplement under this section based on the last federal eligibility determination prior to January 1, 1996, but was not eligible to receive a payment under federal Title XVI on that date.

4. Any essential person.

Wis. Stat., §49.77(2), emphasis added. Petitioner received state supplemental SSI because she was receiving federal SSI (Title XVI). Because her federal SSI has been terminated (a fact that a state administrative law judge cannot change), she cannot qualify for state supplemental SSI pursuant to §49.177(2)(a)2 above. She also does not qualify under any of the other provisions listed, and I am unaware of any other exception that might allow her to continue to receive the state SSI. Therefore I must conclude that she is not eligible for the state supplemental SSI until and if she again receives federal SSI payments.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Petitioner is ineligible for state SSI because she no longer receives federal SSI.

THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

That the petition for review is hereby dismissed.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

You may request a rehearing if you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law or if you have found new evidence that would change the decision. Your request must be **received within 20 days after the date of this decision**. Late requests cannot be granted.

Send your request for rehearing in writing to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400 **and** to those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your rehearing request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and

why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and explain why you did not have it at your first hearing. If your request does not explain these things, it will be denied.

The process for requesting a rehearing may be found at Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

APPEAL TO COURT

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be filed with the Court **and** served either personally or by certified mail on the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, **and** on those identified in this decision as “PARTIES IN INTEREST” **no more than 30 days after the date of this decision** or 30 days after a denial of a timely rehearing (if you request one).

The process for Circuit Court Appeals may be found at Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

Given under my hand at the City of Madison,
Wisconsin, this 16th day of May, 2016

\sBrian C. Schneider
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on May 16, 2016.

Division of Health Care Access and Accountability
State SSI